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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of External Affairs
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: FOIA

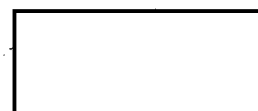
1. Can you have someone prepare a succinct letter to use in responding to newspaper stories which distort or disagree with our position on the Freedom of Information Act. (See the attached NEW YORK TIMES story and get the CHICAGO TRIBUNE story of about a week ago.) It should deal with:

- a. The perception of public availability;
- b. The enormous cost and the leakage which occurs;
- c. The consequent loss of our ability to keep a secret;
- d. The marginal benefits and danger of misinformation arising from the fragmental and selective nature of what can usually be disclosed;
- e. The fact that accountability and oversight is fully provided for by Congressional oversight.

2. Let's try to get a satisfactory simple letter in layman's language prepared for me to clear before I leave on Friday.

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